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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US- USSR AGREEMENT ON OCEANOGRAPHY

REF: MOSCOW 5774, 5786, 5854

1. FOLLOWING ARE COMMERCE (NOAA)- STATE VIEWS ON POINTS
RAISED REFTELS.

2. TITLE - IN PLACE OF " COOPERATION IN OCEANOGRAPHY,"
USDEL' S SUGGESTION OF " COOPERATION IN STUDIES OF THE WORLD
OCEAN" IS ACCEPTABLE.

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3. REFERENCE TO OTHER AGREEMENTS (PREAMBLE) - WE WOULD INSIST ON: " IN ACCORDANCE WITH (EXCHANGES AGREEMENT) AND IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF (S AND T) AGREEMENT; AND CONSISTENT WITH THE AIMS OF THEIR AGREEMENT ON (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)." THIS MAINTAINS REFERENCES TO BOTH EXCHANGES AND S AND T AGREEMENTS WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE IMPORTANT AND MUST BE RETAINED. REFERENCE TO ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ALSO NECESSARY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE COORDINATION AMONG GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DROP DATES OF AGREEMENTS AND REFERENCE TO " SUCCESSOR AGREEMENTS" AS SUGGESTED IN MOSCOW 5854.

4. SUGGEST REVISED WORDING FOR ARTICLE 4: QUOTE IN FURTHER-ANCE OF THE AIMS OF THIS AGREEMENT THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE, FACILITATE, AND MONITOR DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND FIRMS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. IMPLEMENTING INSTRUMENTS CONCLUDED BETWEEN THESE AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND FIRMS FOR CARRYING OUT COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 5. END QUOTE.

5. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR " MONITOR" HO; FVFR, IF " MONITOR" IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS IN ARTICLE 4 AND 5(3), PLEASE INFORM US OF MORE ACCEPTABLE RUSSIAN WORDS CONNOTING ROLE OF PROGRAM REVIEWS FOR OUR CONSIDERATION.

6. " MARINE POLLUTION" (TOPIC FOR ARTICLE 2) - US SIDE HAS PROBLEMS WITH NOTION OF CARRYING OUT COOPERATION ON SAME TOPIC SIMULTANEOUSLY UNDER SEPARATE AGREEMENTS. MARINE POLLUTION AREA IN US IS UNDER EPA LEADERSHIP AND WORKING GROUP UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT HAS MADE STRONG BEGINNING. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE TOPIC SHOULD REMAIN THERE FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF BOTH AGREEMENTS. TIE WITH RELATED MARINE GEOCHEMISTRY OR OTHER OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGH NOAA REPRESENTATIVE ON ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP. WE BELIEVE ORIGINAL US NEGOTIATING POSITION (I. E. GEOCHEMISTRY OF THE WORLD OCEAN UNDER OCEANOGRAPHY AGREEMENT AND MARINE POLLUTION UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT) PROVIDES NATURAL DIVISION
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SATISFACTORY TO BOTH POLLUTION EXPERTS AND OCEANOGRAPHERS. THEREFORE, WE CANNOT AGREE TO PARA 6 OF MOSCOW 5854.

7. FIVE- YEAR DURATION (ARTICLE 8) PREFER TO STICK TO FIVE- YEAR DURATION AND HOPE USDEL CAN GAIN SOVIET ACCEPTANCE.

8. " POLAR OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPERIMENTS" (TOPIC IN ARTICLE
2) - US POSITION IS AS FOLLOWS: IF US AND USSR ARE INDEED
TO ENTER UPON NEW ERA OF COOPERATION, WE MUST BEGIN TO
BREAK NEW GROUND IN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. ONE POSSIBLE
AREA IS " MANNED UNDERSEA SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS" WHERE
WE BELIEVE WE ARE MORE ADVANCED THAN SOVIETS. ANOTHER IS
" POLAR OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPERIMENTS" WHERE WE HAVE AN INTER-
EST IN SOVIET RESEARCH. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO INTRO-
DUCE " MANNED UNDERSEA SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS" AS A
TOPIC FOR COOPERATION IF SOVIETS WOULD AGREE TO INCLUDE
SOME PHASE OF " POLAR OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPERIMENTS." SOME
BALANCE IN MUTUAL BENEFIT MAYTHUSBE OBTAINED. PERHAPS
RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN EACH AREA AS
SUBJECTS FOR COOPERATION COULD BE AGREED SEPARATELY AND
PRIVATELY TO ALLAY SOVIET CONCERNS. RUSH

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